

## Washington State Credentialing Requirements

### Pharmacy Technician (Chapter 18.64A RCW, 246-901 WAC)

**Type of Credential:**

Certification

**DOH Contact:**

Customer Service Center - 360-236-4700

| Credentialing Requirements   | Verification Documents Obtained  |
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| Graduation from, or completion of, a Board of Pharmacy approved technician training program  | Completed application signed by applicant and related affidavit(s) properly signed documenting satisfactory completion of a board-approved program.<br><br>Note: Training and education completed out-of-state must be recognized by the board as equivalent to the training received by a pharmacy technician trained in Washington.  |
| Pharmacy law study   | Affidavit of eight hours of pharmacy law study.  |
| Statement about: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• physical and mental health status</li><li>• lack of impairment due to chemical dependency/substance abuse</li><li>• history of loss of license, certification or registration</li><li>• felony convictions</li><li>• loss or limitations of privileges</li><li>• disciplinary actions</li><li>• professional liability claims history</li></ul> | Applicant must answer personal data questions. An appropriate explanation and required documentation must be sent with positive answers. If there is a positive answer to the professional liability claims history question, the applicant must send an explanation of the nature of the case, data and summary of care given, copies of the original complaint, and the settlement or final disposition. If pending, applicant must indicate status. |

**Additional Information/Documents Required**

- HIV/AIDS training – four hours
- Copy of certificate or score letter verifying passing score on National Certification Examination. Pharmacy Technician Certification Exam scores are accepted if administered by a program accredited by the National Commission for Certifying Agencies

**Foreign Trained Pharmacy Technicians or Foreign Medical or Pharmacy School Graduates for whom English is not the primary language:**

- TOEFL iBT - Test of English as a Foreign Language
- Five hundred and twenty hours of supervised experience in a board-approved pharmacy technician training program

## **Process for Approving/Denying Applications**

Credentialing staff review the application and supporting documents to make an initial determination on eligibility. Credentialing supervisors approve applications that do not have positive answers to personal data questions, have questionable verifying documents, or are otherwise “red flag” applications. Red flag applications are forwarded to the exception application process for determination by the appropriate disciplining authority. An applicant will be formally notified of a denial and has the opportunity for a hearing.

## **Renewal Requirements**

Pharmacy technicians must renew their certification annually on or before their birthday by submitting the renewal card and current renewal fee.

- And dated by the program director we have in our technician training database and in the licensing system for the firm where training took place. (Washington state)
- Out-of-state approved programs must include a verification of law study form attached to the application as well as documentation of training and education. All out-of-state training and education must be approved by the board as being equivalent to pharmacy technician training in Washington State.